EXHIBIT 3

DECLARATION OF BILL SCHEWE

I, Bill Schewe, declare as follows:

- 1. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this Declaration, and they are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am over 18 years old and competent to testify to the following.
 - 2. I farm land in and around Greenville, Illinois.
- 3. I first purchased and used NutriplantTM AG foliar treatment, a spray fertilizer, about five years ago. I bought the product from Ben Buckwalter after he cold-called me. At the time, I bought a relatively small amount of the NutriplantTM AG spray (a single 30-gallon drum) to use on a small portion of my crops and determine if it was worth using in the future.
- 4. The foliar spray was shipped to my house and arrived in a blue drum. A true and correct photograph of the NutriplantTM AG drum I received is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 5. That year, I sprayed the NutriplantTM AG on my soybeans, and the product performed like it was supposed to. Importantly, it was easy to apply. When spraying fields during cultivation, I often mix fertilizer with different chemicals that protect crops. It is important that the fertilizer spray mixes well with those other chemicals. It is also important that the fertilizer spray stays in suspension and does not separate or settle. If particles settle out of the fertilizer spray, they will clog a sprayer's filters, screens, and nozzles. This can lead to serious delays in spraying a field. The NutriplantTM AG mixed easily with the other chemicals I used, sprayed easily, and did not settle out.
- 6. In addition to being easy to use, the Nutriplant™ AG performed well. Visually, my crops had better color, and I saw anywhere between a two- and five-bushel per acre increase on my soybean yields that year.
- 7. Late in the same year that I had first used NutriplantTM AG, Mr. Buckwalter called me again to offer me more NutriplantTM AG for the following crop year. I liked the way NutriplantTM AG performed, so I purchased even more for the next year. I also purchased some NutriplantTM SD seed treatment, which came in a round, white bucket. A true and correct photograph of the NutriplantTM SD seed treatment I received is attached as **Exhibit B**. I use seed treatment to ensure seeds flow properly through my planter when planting, while providing some added nutrients. The seed treatment worked how I wanted it to, and I was pleased with it.
- 8. Because I liked the NutriplantTM products, I bought them from Mr. Buckwalter each year. Mr. Buckwalter would call me late in the year or early the following crop year, and I would purchase more of the NutriplantTM AG and NutriplantTM SD for that crop year. Since I knew what I was getting and how the product would perform, I purchased in greater quantities in subsequent years. In January 2018, for example, I purchased a 240-gallon tote (essentially a large square drum) of NutriplantTM AG foliar spray for use in the 2018 crop year. A true and correct copy of the invoice Mr. Buckwalter provided me for that purchase is attached as **Exhibit** C. I purchased two more 30-gallon barrels later that year. A true and correct copy of the invoice Mr. Buckwalter provided me for that purchase is attached as **Exhibit D**. I would pay the invoices up front and the product would typically arrive in late February or early March.
- 9. That changed in late 2019. At the end of that year, Mr. Buckwalter called me and asked if I was still happy with the product. I understood him to be referring to the NutriplantTM products, which were the only products I had purchased from him. I told him the products worked the way I wanted them to, and I ordered a 240-gallon tote of the NutriplantTM AG foliar spray and more buckets of the NutriplantTM SD seed treatment. I ordered another 240-gallon tote

of the NutriplantTM AG foliar spray because I was comfortable with the product. I knew what I was getting and how it worked.

- 10. In early January 2020, Mr. Buckwalter gave me an invoice that showed that I was buying a 240-gallon tote of NutriplantTM AG foliar spray and four buckets of the NutriplantTM SD seed treatment. The invoice included photos of the NutriplantTM AG foliar treatment and the NutriplantTM SD seed treatment, which were the same as the products I had purchased in each prior year. A true and correct copy of the invoice Mr. Buckwalter provided me for that transaction is attached as **Exhibit E**. I again paid Mr. Buckwalter up front for those products and waited for them to be delivered to me.
- 11. The products did not arrive by late February or early March of that year as they typically had in the past, so I called Mr. Buckwalter. He assured me the product was on its way.
- 12. The foliar spray arrived first. Before I even unloaded it from the truck I could see through the tote that the spray itself looked different. I could see through the tote that the product had separated out. While NutriplantTM foliar spray was always a uniform black color, this was separated out into layers, with heavier particles at the bottom and the lighter liquids at the top. I also saw that the label on the tote said "Yield Nation" instead of NutriplantTM. A true and correct photograph of the tote of foliar spray I received, as well as its label, is attached as **Exhibit F**.
- 13. Mr. Buckwalter later dropped off the seed treatment in person. Instead of the round, white NutriplantTM buckets, the seed treatment was in square buckets that said "Yield Nation." A true and correct photograph of the bucket of seed treatment I received is attached as **Exhibit G**. When I asked Mr. Buckwalter about this, he simply said that "we put it in a different bucket this year." I understood him to mean that the Nutriplant product was simply packaged differently.
- 14. At no point before this did Mr. Buckwalter specifically mention the Yield Nation company. While "Yield Nation" was on the invoices I received, I understood that to be an entity Mr. Buckwalter worked with. I had never heard of Yield Nation providing product in its own packaging until I read it on the labels of the products that Mr. Buckwalter sent me in 2020. He had always sold me NutriplantTM products, and he had offered to sell me NutriplantTM products again in 2020. The only reason I purchased those products in large quantities was because I believed them to be NutriplantTM and therefore I knew how they would perform.
- 15. I called Mr. Buckwalter and asked why the foliar spray looked different and had settled out. He simply said that "the product settles out a little more this year." He told me he would send me a mixer to agitate the product before spraying it.
- 16. I tried a small amount of the spray on a few acres to see if it would hurt my crops. Unlike the NutriplantTM foliar spray I believed I purchased and had purchased in the past, this product was horrible in terms of mixing and spraying. Because it settled out, it had solids in it that plugged the screens and filters in my sprayer. This meant I had to repeatedly lose time unclogging those screens to spray my fields. Eventually the spraying system became clogged with sediment from the spray. After spending many hours trying to clean the spraying system, I had to give up and dispose of the foliar spray. Because the spray was mixed with other chemicals, I lost those chemicals as well.
 - 17. That was not the end of my problems. Mr. Buckwalter

Case: 4:21-cy-00308-RLW Doc. #: 6-3 Filed: 03/11/21, Page: 4 of 14 PageID #: 53 sold me, and that he would have to come replace it. When I looked inside the square Yield Nation bucket I had received, there were large chunks of solids in it, almost like gravel. This looked completely different from the NutriplantTM SD seed treatment I had previously purchased; and it was unusable—seed treatment is meant to be a fine powder to help seeds flow through a planter. We eventually screened the seed treatment, and about 25% of it was made of unusable solid chunks. A true and correct photograph of the remaining unused product is attached as Exhibit H.

18. My wife called the telephone number on the packaging and reached Yield Nation—not Nutriplant. We eventually received a refund from Yield Nation on the seed treatment. I was not refunded by Yield Nation for the unusable foliar spray.

19. Had I known what Yield Nation was selling me for the 2020 crop year was not Nutriplant™ foliar spray and seed treatment, I would not have purchased product from Yield Nation.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February \mathcal{S} , 2021 Bill Schewe

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Nation

Sales Rep: Ben Buckwalter Phone:

Email:

Sale To:

Bill Schewe

Greenville, IL 62646





Ensure maximum crop yield with this liquid foliar nutritional supplement.



Provide essential nutrients which activate crucial enzymes that optimize metabolic pathways necessary for proper seedling growth and enhanced vigor.



For better weed control, for hardto-penetrate soils, for many farming applications.

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1/3/2018		Receipt # 04-9	73635B
DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	DISCOUNT	LINE TOTAL
Nutriplant AG	\$12.00/acre	-\$3.40/acre	\$16,500
Nutriplant SD	\$3.00/acre	-\$1.25/acre	\$1,680

TOTAL DISCOUNT

Please make check payable to Yield Nation

TOTAL

SUBTOTAL SALES TAX

\$18,180.00

Thank you for your business!



SALES RECEIPT

Sales Rep: Ben Buckwalter

Phone: Email:

Sale To: William Schewe

Greenville, IL 62246





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PAYMENT METHOD Check		DATE OF SALE		MISC.	
		3/12/2018		Receipt # 01-184585	
QTY	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	DISCOUNT	LINE TOTAL
2	30 gal.	Nutriplant AG	\$12.00/acre	-\$2.20/acre	\$4700
4	25 lb bucket	Nutriplant SD	\$3.00/acre	-\$1.25/acre	\$1680

TOTAL

Exhibit D

SUBTOTAL

SALES TAX

TOTAL \$6380.00

Please make check payable to Yield Nation

Thank you for your business!

Remit Payment To: Yield Nation

O'Fallon, MO 63368

Sales Rep: Ben Buckwalter ...

Phone: Email:

Sale To: Bill Schewe

Greenville, IL 62246



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PAYMENT METHOD Check		DATE OF SALE		MISC.	
		01-07-20	01-07-20		Receipt # 8395325A
QTY	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	DISCOUNT	LINE TOTAL
1	240 gal.	Organic Foliar	\$12.00/acre	-\$3.40/acre	\$16,500
4	25lb.	Root Enhancement	\$3.00/acre	-\$1.25/acre	\$1,680
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Thank you for your business!



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Yield Nation® Foliar Spray



A Foliar Nutritional Supplement to Enhance Growth of Agricultural Crops

> LOT# 042201C 240 gal (908 liter) Net weight: 2400 lb (1088 kg)

May be Harmful if Swallowed May Cause Skin and Eye Irritation. Keep Out of Reach of Children.

Distributed and Guaranteed by Yield Nation Business Group LLC 2977 Highway K #225 O'Fallon, MO 63368 U.S.A.



Guaranteed Analysis:

Total Nitrogen (N)	- 98
3.3% Ammoniacal Nitrogen	- 16
2.7% Nitrate Nitrogen	
Available Phosphate (P2O5) 4.0	194
Soluble Potash (K2O) 3,0	- 56
Sulfur (S) 1.0	96
1.0% Combined Sulfur (S)	- 79
Boron (B)0.02	96
Cobalt (Co)	96
Copper (Cu) 0.29	96
0.29% Water Soluble Copper (Cu)	22.0
Iron (Fe)0.38	36
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Zinc (Zn) 0.60	96
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Derived from Ammonium Nitrate, Ammonium Nitrate, Ammonium Phosphate, Potassium Phosphate, Boric Acid, Cobalt Nitrate, Copper Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Manganese Sulfate, Ammonium Molybdate, And Zinc Sulfate.

Chlorine (CI) not more than 0.5%

Information concerning the raw materials composing Yield Nation® AC can be obtained by writing to Yield Nation Business Group (see address on the label). Decree was free being the best finder through Application from sent Toront for Salar Con-

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Important Notice: Boad the entire table. Use only in accordance with the label instructions. Use in conjunction with your normal fertilizer program. Yold National Foliat Spray is intended as a supplement to a regular fertilizer program and will not, by flast, provided all the natifierity normally required by james.

Information regarding the contents and levels of metals in this product is evaluable on the Internet at http://www.appfro.org/inversit http://

Storage: Store at temperatures between freezing and 10°F (43°C), Keep container tightly closed. Do not store diluted product. Do not store diluted product. Do





